

Table 3

*Prevalence of Blindness and Low Vision among Adults 40 Years and Older in the United States**

Age	Blindness		Low Vision		All Vision Impaired	
Years	Persons	(%)	Persons	(%)	Persons	(%)
40-49	51,000	0.1%	80,000	0.2%	131,000	0.3%
50-59	45,000	0.1%	102,000	0.3%	147,000	0.4%
60-69	59,000	0.3%	176,000	0.9%	235,000	1.2%
70-79	134,000	0.8%	471,000	3.0%	605,000	3.8%
>80	648,000	7.0%	1,532,000	16.7%	2,180,000	23.7%
Total	937,000	0.8%	2,361,000	2.0%	3,298,000	2.7%

* National Institute of Health website-downloaded February 24, 2010

The estimated prevalence of blindness and low vision by district office is presented in Table 4. As might be expected, the Charlotte, Winston-Salem and Raleigh district offices have generally higher numbers of citizens who are blind and low vision than the other four district offices. To illustrate the numbers of the Table 4, a graph that compares estimated prevalence of blindness and low vision for each district office by age group is included (see Figure 2).